

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: April 3, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 1200 - HB 1669**

This bill, if enacted, will delete subsection (a) of TCA 63-6-225 which prohibits splitting of fees or compensation of any sort by physicians and surgeons with any person without the knowledge and consent of the person paying the fee or compensation, or against whom the fee may be charged. This language would be replaced with language which prohibits payment by any licensed physician or surgeon of any fee or compensation to a person for the referral of patients. Assignment of fees in return for salaried employment and fee sharing arrangements among members of networks where the practitioners are marketed as part of an alliance are not prohibited. Violation of this act would be a Class A misdemeanor (violation of this section of the law is now a Class B misdemeanor).

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an insignificant increase in state expenditures to administer provisions of the act and an insignificant increase in state revenues from the collection of fines for violation of the act.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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